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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

The enclosed PTO Form-1449 lists patents and publications submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97. Copies of the patents or publications are enclosed.

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- A. X a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e), no fee is required.
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 - A. a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e); and
 - B. the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p).

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Respectfully submitted,

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